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AMENDED CLAIMS RESPONSIVE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

5 1 (currently amended): A counter light fixture comprising:

a fixture housing having a housing top, a front, a rear and opposite ends;

a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of said housing;

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one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector; and

a translucent window panel supported under said reflector and ~~hinged to said housing for movement between a closed operating condition and an open condition permitting access to said lamp socket~~ slidable between a closed condition and a released condition, said window panel being supported against pivotal movement in said closed condition but
15 pivotal from said released condition to an open condition for access to said lamp sockets.

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Cancel Claim 2. The fixture of Claim 1 wherein said window panel is slidable between said closed condition and a released condition, said window panel being pivotable between said released condition and said open condition.

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3 (currently amended): The fixture of Claim 1 ~~Claim 2~~ further comprising a detent for detaining against said ~~slidable~~ movement, wherein said window panel is spring loaded into engagement with said detent in said closed condition.

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4 (currently amended): The fixture of ~~any of Claims 1 or 3 through 3~~ wherein said window panel has a rear edge and a front edge, said rear edge is hinged to said housing, and said front edge is releasable towards said open condition.

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5 (original). The fixture of Claim 3 wherein said window panel is released from said detent by pressing said window panel against said spring loading and sliding said window panel
5 over said detent.

6 (currently amended). The fixture ~~of any of~~ Claims 1, 2 or 4 wherein said window panel is released from said closed condition for sliding movement towards said released
10 condition by pressing said window panel towards said housing top.

7 (currently amended). The fixture ~~of any of~~ Claims 1 or through 3 wherein said window panel is supported in spaced relationship to said housing in said closed condition thereby
15 to define a front ventilation slot.

8 (currently amended). The fixture ~~of any of~~ Claims 1 or through 3 wherein said window panel is supported in spaced relationship to said housing in said closed condition thereby
20 to define a rear ventilation slot.

9 (currently amended). The fixture ~~of any of~~ Claims 1 or through 3 wherein said window panel is supported in spaced relationship to said housing in said closed condition thereby
25 to define a front ventilation slot and a rear ventilation slot.

10 (currently amended). The fixture ~~of any of~~ Claims 1 or through 3 further comprising a spring arrangement urging said window panel away from said housing top thereby to
30 provide ventilation into said housing and also urging said window panel into a detent
operative for holding said panel against sliding to said released condition.

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11 (currently amended). A counter light fixture comprising:

a fixture housing having a housing top, a front, a rear and opposite ends;

5 a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of said housing;

one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector;

10 a translucent window panel supported under said reflector and hinged to said housing for movement between a closed operating condition and an open condition permitting access to said lamp socket;

wherein said window panel has a rear edge and a front edge, said rear edge is hinged to said housing and said front edge is releasable towards said open condition,

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~~The fixture of Claim 4 wherein said window panel~~ has two opposite sides between said front edge and said rear edge and a front pin and a rear pin on each of said sides, each of said pins being captive in a corresponding slot in said housing, said front pin being slidable in said corresponding slot for freeing said front pin through an open forward end thereof thereby to release said window panel for movement about said rear pin to said open condition.

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12 (original). The fixture of Claim 11 further comprising a spring arrangement urging said window panel away from said housing thereby to provide ventilation into said housing.

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13 (original). The fixture of Claim 11 wherein said front pin and said rear pin are integral with a clip fitted on each of said sides of said window panel.

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14 (original). The fixture of Claim 13 further comprising finger ridges defined on each said clip.

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15 (original). The fixture of Claim 11 further comprising a detent in said corresponding slot for retaining said front pin against sliding movement towards said open forward end in said slot, said detent allowing said front pin to be lifted over the detent and towards said open forward end thereby to free said front pin from said slot.

16 (original). The fixture of Claim 15 further comprising a spring arrangement urging said front pin into engagement with said detent.

17 (original). The fixture of Claim 16 wherein said spring arrangement also urges said window panel away from said housing top thereby to admit ventilation therebetween.

18 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 1 wherein said fixture housing is an extrusion of substantially constant cross section between said opposite ends having a housing top and a rear compartment of approximately equal length between said opposite ends.

19 (original). The fixture of Claim 18 further comprising a partition transverse to said housing top, a switch compartment defined between said partition and one of said ends, and a removable bottom cover for closing said switch compartment.

20 (original). The fixture of Claim 19 further comprising an electrical switch mounted on said bottom cover.

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21 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 18 further comprising electrical wiring in said rear compartment connected to said least one lamp socket through openings in said ~~top panel and said reflector.~~

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22 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 21 ~~Claim 23~~ wherein said electrical wiring is connected to an electrical power switch.

10 23 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 1 or Claim 28 or Claim 56 ~~Claim 24~~ further comprising knock out openings in a back wall of said rear compartment for passing electrical power wiring into said rear compartment.

15 24 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 1 or Claim 28 ~~Claim 30 or Claim 48~~ further comprising male and female electrical connectors at said housing ends for connecting end-to-end one said counter light fixture to another said counter light fixture.

20 25 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 24 ~~Claim 26~~ further comprising a power cord mateable to one of said male and female electrical connectors for supplying electrical power to said lamp sockets.

25 26 (currently amended). ~~The fixture of Claim 1 wherein said fixture has~~ A counter light fixture comprising:

a fixture housing having a housing top, a front, a rear and opposite ends;

30 a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of said housing;

one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector; and

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a plurality of translucent window panels each hinged ~~supported~~ to said housing under a corresponding said reflector and each said window panel being is independently releaseable for movement between a closed operating condition and an open condition permitting access to said lamp sockets.

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27 (original). The fixture of Claim 19 further comprising a power transformer in said switch compartment connected for converting a line voltage input to a low voltage supply for said lamp sockets.

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28 (currently amended). A counter light fixture comprising:

a housing formed as a unitary extrusion of substantially constant cross section between opposite housing ends and having a housing top and a rear compartment extending from one to the other of said ~~between~~ opposite housing ends, a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of said housing, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, and wiring in said rear compartment connected to said one or more lamp sockets and to one or more of said end connectors, ~~wherein said housing top and said rear compartment are portions of a unitary extrusion.~~

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29 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 28 ~~Claim 30~~ wherein said housing top and said rear compartment share a middle wall integral with ~~of~~ said extrusion and said wiring passes through openings in said middle wall.

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30 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 28 ~~Claim 30~~ wherein said extrusion is a metal extrusion.

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31 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 28 ~~Claim 30~~ wherein said extrusion is an aluminum extrusion.

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32 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 28 ~~Claim 30~~ wherein said housing top comprises a top panel, a housing front including a sloping front portion and a drop front
5 portion, and a middle wall of said extrusion.

33 (currently amended). A counter light fixture comprising:
a housing having a housing top and a rear compartment extending between
10 opposite housing ends, a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of
said housing, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, and wiring in said
rear compartment connected to said one or more lamp sockets and to one or more of said
end connectors, wherein said housing top and said rear compartment are portions of a
unitary extrusion ~~The light fixture of Claim 30~~ wherein said rear compartment comprises a
15 middle wall, a bottom and a back wall of said extrusion.

34 (currently amended). A counter light fixture comprising:
a housing having a housing top and a rear compartment extending between
opposite housing ends, a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of
20 said housing, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, and wiring in said
rear compartment connected to said one or more lamp sockets and to one or more of said
end connectors, wherein said housing top and said rear compartment are portions of a
unitary extrusion ~~The light fixture of Claim 30~~ wherein said housing top has a top, a
housing front, and a middle wall, and said rear compartment shares said middle wall and
25 further has a bottom and a back wall.

35 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 33 or Claim 34 ~~Claim 35 or Claim 36~~
further comprising a removable top cover for closing said rear compartment between said
30 back wall and said middle wall.

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36 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 34 ~~Claim 34 or Claim 36~~ wherein said reflector is supported to said housing top by elastic compression between said housing front and said middle wall.

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37 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 28 or Claim 34 ~~Claim 30~~ further comprising a partition transverse to said housing top, a switch compartment defined between said partition and one of said ends, and a removable bottom cover for closing said switch compartment.

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38. (currently amended) The fixture of Claim 37 ~~Claim 39~~ further comprising a switch mounted to said bottom cover and connected to said wiring.

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39 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 28 or Claim 34 ~~Claim 30~~ further comprising electrical connectors of opposite gender at said housing ends, said electrical connectors being connected to said wiring in said rear compartment for supplying electrical power to said lamp sockets.

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40 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 37 ~~Claim 39~~ further comprising a transformer in said switch compartment connected for converting a line voltage input to a low voltage supply for said one or more lamp sockets.

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41 (currently amended). A counter light fixture comprising:

30 a housing having a housing top and a rear compartment of substantially equal length extending between opposite housing ends, a reflector supported under said top and facing an underside of said housing, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, and wiring in said rear compartment connected to said one or more lamp sockets and to one or more of said end connectors, wherein said housing top and said rear compartment are portions of a unitary extrusion including a bottom of said rear

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compartment integral with said extrusion ~~The fixture of Claim 30 further comprising, and a~~
translucent window panel supported to said housing under said reflector and releaseable
for movement between a closed operating condition and an open condition permitting
access to said one or more lamp sockets.

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42 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 41 ~~Claim 43~~ wherein said window panel is
supported in spaced relationship to said housing in said closed condition thereby to define
one or both of a front ventilation slot and a rear ventilation slot.

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43 (currently amended). The fixture of Claim 28 ~~Claim 30~~ or Claim 41 wherein said
housing top is a downward facing concave portion of said extrusion.

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44 (currently amended). The fixture of ~~Claim 28~~ Claim 41 wherein said rear compartment
is an upward facing concave portion of said extrusion.

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45 (original). A light fixture comprising a fixture housing having a downwardly facing
concave top section joined to an upwardly facing concave rear section, one or more lamp
sockets supported under the downwardly facing concave top section, and electrical wiring
in the upwardly facing concave rear section connected to said one or more lamp sockets.

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46 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 45 ~~Claim 47~~ further comprising a
translucent window panel under said downwardly facing concave top section.

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47 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 45 ~~Claim 47~~ further comprising a
reflector under said downwardly facing concave top section.

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48 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 45 ~~Claim 47~~ further comprising a removable top cover for covering the upwardly facing concave rear section.

5 49 (currently amended). The light fixture of any of Claims 45 through 48 ~~Claims 47 through 50~~ wherein said downwardly facing concave top section and said upwardly facing concave rear section are portions of a unitary extrusion.

10 50 (original). A light fixture comprising a fixture housing having a downwardly facing concave top section joined to an upwardly facing concave rear section, a reflector under said downwardly facing concave top section, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, a translucent window panel under said downwardly facing concave top section, and electrical wiring in the upwardly facing concave rear section connected to
15 said one or more lamp sockets.

51 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 50 ~~Claim 52~~ further comprising a removable top cover for covering the upwardly facing concave rear section.
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52 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 50 or Claim 51 ~~Claim 52 or Claim 53~~ wherein said downwardly facing concave top section and said upwardly facing concave rear section are portions of a unitary extrusion.
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53 (currently amended). The light fixture of Claim 50 ~~Claim 52~~ wherein said translucent window panel is hinged to said housing for movement between a closed operating condition and an open condition permitting access to said lamp sockets.
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54 (new). The light fixture of Claims 46 or 50 wherein said window panel is supported for defining one or both of a front ventilation slot and a rear ventilation slot with said housing.

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55 (new). The light fixture of Claims 47 or 50 wherein wherein said reflector is supported in compression between opposing slots in said downwardly facing concave section.

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56 (new). A light fixture comprising a fixture housing having a downwardly facing concave top section joined to an upwardly facing concave rear section, a reflector under said downwardly facing concave top section, one or more lamp sockets supported under said reflector, a translucent window panel under said downwardly facing concave top section, and electrical wiring in the upwardly facing concave rear section connected to said one or more lamp sockets.

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57 (new). The light fixture of Claim 56 further comprising a removable top cover for covering the upwardly facing concave rear section.

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58 (new). A counter light fixture comprising:

a housing comprising an extrusion of substantially constant cross section between opposite ends, said extrusion divided by an integral middle wall into a housing top and a rear compartment both extending from one to the other of said opposite housing ends, one or more lamp sockets supported under said housing top, and wiring in said rear compartment connected through an opening in said middle wall to said one or more lamp sockets

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59 (new). The light fixture of Claim 58 further comprising a partition dividing said rear compartment into a switch compartment

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60 (new). The light fixture of Claim 58 further comprising a translucent window panel supported to said housing under said sockets.

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61 (new). The light fixture of Claim 58 further comprising a reflector supported under said housing top and facing an underside of said housing.

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62 (new). The light fixture of Claim 58 further comprising a removable cover for closing said rear compartment.

10 63 (new). The light fixture of Claim 58 further comprising end caps on said opposite housing ends.

64 (new). A counter light fixture comprising:

15 a housing having opposite housing ends and divided by a middle wall integral with said housing into a housing top and a rear compartment both extending from one to the other of said opposite housing ends, one or more lamp sockets supported under said housing top, and wiring in said rear compartment connected through an opening in said middle wall to said one or more lamp sockets, and a rear cover removable for accessing
20 the wiring in said rear compartment.

65 (new). The light fixture of Claim 64 wherein said housing is an extrusion of substantially constant cross section between said opposite housing ends.

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66 (new). The light fixture of Claim 64 wherein said housing top is closed by a translucent window panel to define a lamp compartment and said rear cover is exterior to said lamp compartment.

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67 (new). The light fixture of Claim 64 further comprising an electrical transformer and a power switch in said rear compartment connected to said wiring for supplying and controlling electrical power to said sockets.

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